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I would like the Board to address this issue, and you have touched on it in today's discussions about the quality of some CMC work. I won't be speaking at public input, but this is another topic I'd like addressed by the Board or by government in general, perhaps an IG.

I have observed over 16 years of being an A/R, and dealing with about 6,000 cases, say 2,500 of them living workers, the lion's share of all CMC referrals go to a very small handful of corporate entities, and yet there are thousands of OCC MED MD's out there. I have seen the same CMC MD's names appear in hundreds of cases, and I have often wondered, and heard plenty of rumors, that the deck is stacked, as the lion's share of these CMC's come back with "NO, not at least as likely as not conclusions." I have heard speculation among the A/R community for many years, that perhaps these CMC persons or corporate entity MD umbrellas are the "low bidders", or "preferred bidders" because of their propensity to say NO, and thus keep the taxpayer burden down.

Someone, somewhere in the DOL hierarchy chooses which CMC gets the baton, and as I understand it, that decision is not made at all by the DEEOIC CE, but at a far higher level within OWCP, I'm told. Has there been any investigation by anyone "neutral" who have studied how those procurement decisions are made and whether or not there might be financial conflicts or collusion? For example, one

particular corporate entity, manned by former DOL persons, seems to have contracts with DOL in many different aspects of the EEOICP. I'm not casting aspersions, but wondering aloud, what others have expressed privately.

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I'd like to know if and when action might be taken on the recommendations in the Board's report on Parkinson's, such as presumptive causation in some instances. I don't need to speak.

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